



LARC



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While calling the Monday Night Net this past week, I asked myself a very simple question, "Why do we do this?". The answer to that question was not what I expected. To begin, I fully understand that the nets are a forum of communication that allow us to come together on the radio and share our experiences with the hobby. But, when I pondered the question, I was really thinking about the inherent value of the exercise.

The next thought that came to mind was that the net serves as a tool for checking that our equipment is operating as expected. That is definitely a utilitarian value, but I was really looking for an answer that would motivate the net's continued existence. I found that value by looking back on my own initial experiences with the net.

When I first got into the hobby, the net served as this consistent source of balance. It was a moment in time where, as a new operator learning the ropes, I could take solace that there would be a moment when I could ask my questions and there would be someone, somewhere, willing to answer them. Checking in to the net served as a strong motivator to continue tweaking and tinkering with my radio until I was able to check-in. Most of all, the net was a welcome staple in the week where I could learn how to operate my radio by hearing what others said. It was the first time I understood that everyone will make mistakes and that forgetting to sign off correctly was not the end of the world.

Even before I was an active member of the club, the net served as a stepping stone to get to know other operators. Hearing the same voices each week and learning the names and their calls eventually paved the way to attending meetings and getting involved in various other club activities.

Thinking back on those initial experiences also reminded me that no matter the years of experience, or the level of license held, we all have something to offer one another and we must continue to share. So, next time you're going through the motions as net control, remember that there is probably a new Ham out there listening. Just waiting to key their microphone and try out that shiny new call sign for the very first time.

Thanks,

Eric Credeur KG5JHP
AARA President

THE FUTURE

Here are a few things to look forward to within the AARA.

1. The club will be needing a LARC Newsletter editor starting January 2018. Herman KN5GRK will retire with December 2017 his last issue. He will continue to publish the newsletter to those on the hard copy mailing list and posting the newsletter on the website indefinitely. Please contact Herman or Club President Eric KG5JHP if you are interested.
2. The AARA will again be hosting the **Tour du Teche Canoe Race Special Event Station** taking place on October 6-7-8, 2017. Sandy KE5KJF and Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD will coordinate the race and will be taking "T" shirt sizes for volunteers at the August and September General meetings. See website at: <http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/>
3. The **Cajun Cup 10K Run** will be taking place on November 11, 2017 in downtown Lafayette. Anyone interested in volunteering to chair this event needs to make it known at one of the next meetings, see website with maps at: <https://cajunroadrunners.com/cajun-cup/>
4. Some members are showing interest in participating in the **Winter Field Day** on January 27, 2018. More will be mentioned in the future. Website: <https://www.winterfieldday.com/>

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING

The August General Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Lafayette Science Museum 433 Jefferson St., Lafayette. Enter through the glass doors on the corner of 183 E. Convent St.

VE Testing will take place at 6:00 PM.

DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING

August 3, 2017 @ 7:00 PM
Lafayette Science Museum
433 Jefferson St. Lafayette, LA
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/>

Local 2-Meter Nets

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
 Repeater Rotation - See calendar on page 7

Tuesday

Region 4 SkyWarn/ARES Net 7:00 PM

145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM

145.410 No PL New Iberia, LA

Thursday

Youth Net 7:00 PM

146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA
 EchoLink Node: 370324

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JULY 6, 2017 AARA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Eric, KG5JHP.

- ♦ Opening prayer was conducted by Larry, KE5KJD.
- ♦ The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all and Sandy KE5KJF gave the Pledge in Cajun French.
- ♦ Treasurer's report was given by Tom W5OHJ. Tom reported that the two club radios were sold and that we stayed under our budget for Field Day. A motion was made by Danny KD5JSM to accept the report and Priscilla K5PCL seconded and passed by members.
- ♦ A motion was made to accept the June Minutes by Eric KG5JHP and seconded by James K5CNU and passed.

Bob K5IVR (Field Day Coordinator) thanked everyone for their help and participation in making Field Day a success. Members that attended Field Day and those that operated stations gave their comments on their experiences for the weekend.

Larry, KE5KJD, showed us our numbers from last year's Field Day as compared to this year's Field Day and our numbers are somewhat better than last years. He also talked about how the Solar Flares affect how we make contacts throughout the year.

Sandy KE5KJF, Chairperson for the Tour du Teche 135 mile canoe race Special Event in October. Sandy and Larry KE5KJD talked about what would take place with a description of what would be needed along the course.

She passed around the sign up sheet for members to sign up for designated spots along the route and also for their T- shirt sizes.

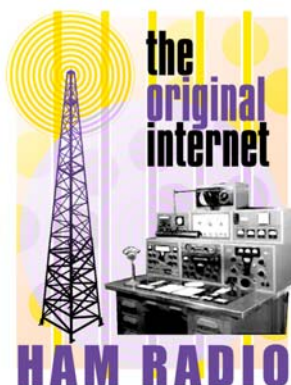
Some of the volunteers that participated in previous years events gave their experience.

Eric KG5JHP mentioned that we are still looking for a LARC Editor as Herman KN5GRK will retire with the December 2017 issue his last.

The club is looking for a place to store our AMOS II and antenna trailer, preferably a covered facility to keep them out of the sun and weather.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. with 35 in attendance. A drawing for door prizes was held.

Minutes submitted by:
 Ramona KG5HNO
 AARA Secretary



July 6, 2017 VE Test Session Results



It was another good night of testing. We now have one new Tech and 3 new Generals among us.



The new Tech is Josef Hoffmann from Lafayette, LA received the call KG5UEL.

The new Generals are: Adam Chapman KG5TOD of Ville Platte, LA, Barrett Oge KG5SSO of Dusan, LA, and Jacob A. Coreil KG5UEK of Ville Platte, LA.

The VE's at this session were: Greg ~ K5LFT, Dave ~ N4ELM, Brett ~ KG5IQU, Synomen KG5IRS (Brett's wife), & Archie ~ W5AG.

Thanks to all participants and congratulations to all that passed and don't give up till getting past the PINK TEST.....

73, de Greg ~ K5LFT

JULY 6, 2017 AARA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A board meeting was held at 6:00 PM on July 6, 2017 led by President Eric KG5JHP. Others present were: Tom W5OHJ, Glen KF5FNP, Ramona KG5HNO, Paula KF5CNS, Chris N5MCY, Herman KN5GRK, Larry KE5KJD, and guest Bob K5IVR.

Field Day:

First up, Bob K5IVR Field Day Chairman stated that FD was much more of a job than he had anticipated. He stated that there should be a general list of preparation and duties for FD Chairpersons. He also suggested that venue should be set by the board. City officials would rather meet with someone with authority and club position to present our purpose and liability insurance to those responsible for the location.

A central point for the location of the "Band Books" would be listed on the dry erase board in AMOS II being it is a central location.

It was also brought up that we should also apply for the same venue for next year's FD being it is fresh on the mind of the city officials of Rayne and the possibility of the Acadia Parish 911 hosting a hurricane awareness seminar and inviting the local police and fire departments.

147.040 W5EXI Repeater:

Discussion on tying the 147.040 Dusan and the 145.410 Lydia repeaters into the linking system when needed during severe weather events. More on this subject later.

Club Inventory:

Ramona KG5HNO and Tom W5OHJ failed to get the model and serial numbers of equipment in AMOS II during Field Day to update the club inventory but Tom stated he had a list.

Go Kits:

Tom W5OHJ, stated that he had all the equipment to put together the three Go-Kits except the cases which have been back ordered.

On-Line Member Roster:

Ramona KG5HNO stated that the roster has been updated and non-paying members have been removed and the on-line roster should be up to date at this time.

AMOS II Repairs:

Discussion on repairs to AMOS II due to roof and door leaks, it was determined that Steve AF5VR volunteered to take AMOS II into his shop and Tom W5OHJ and Chris N5MCY would change out the table top and other water damaged furniture caused by water leaks.

Radio Sales:

Dave N4ELM took the two club transceivers Yaesu FT-990 & Kenwood TS-570SG to the Jackson Hamfest and sold them for our asking price as mentioned in the June LARC.

Conclusion:

There was some discussion on the agenda for the General Meeting following this Board Meeting. The meeting ended at 6:40 PM.

Submitted by:
Herman KN5GRK

Urge the U.S. Senate to Support the Amateur Radio Parity Act

The Amateur Radio Parity Act was passed unanimously by the House of Representatives in January as H.R. 555. It provides a mutually satisfactory compromise reached between the American Radio Relay League (ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio) and the Community Associations Institute (CAI, which represents home owners associations). The Senate Bill, S. 1534, allows for effective outdoor Amateur Radio antennas for public service and emergency communications while protecting the prerogative of community associations.

Please take action and urge your Senators to pass S. 1534. Go to this website to send a letter to your Senators:

<https://arrl.rallycongress.net/ctas/urge-us-senate-to-support-amateur-radio-parity-act>



Sponsor: Shreveport Amateur Radio Association (SARA)

Time: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Louisiana State Fairgrounds Agriculture Center, 3206 Pershing Blvd., Shreveport, LA 71101

Free Parking

Admission: \$5.00 - Children under 12 get in free

Talk-In: 146.82 (PL 186.2)

Public Contact: Bruce Deville, KE5CPL

403 Irving Bluff Road
Shreveport, LA 71107

Phone: 318-751-8596

Email: bdeville@aol.com

Website: <http://www.shreveporthamfest.com>

Forum Schedule

9:00 – 9:50 – Yaesu Forum

10:00 – 12:50 – ARRL Delta Convention Forum - ARRL HQ Presentation - Delta Division Presentation - Louisiana Section Presentation

1:00 Louisiana Contest Club

2017 Door Prizes

First Prize - Icom IC 7300

Second Prize - Yaesu FT 450

Third Prize - Kenwood TH-D74AK
(thanks Kenwood)

Fourth Prize - Yaesu FT-70DR
(thanks Yaesu)

RT Systems has donated programming kits for the First and Second Prizes. Thanks RT Systems.

Dual Band HT given away each hour.

FCC VE Testing

The W5YI team of VE's will be present to administer the Technician, General and Extra Class exams. Exams begin at 9:00.

Friday Night Activity

Friday night activities including dinner, advanced registration required. Contact bdeville@aol.com for order form, price is \$20.00 per dinner. We now take plastic. If link does not redirect, copy and paste to your email server.

Satellite Sam will be awarding a drone to the youngest ham at the hamfest. Thanks Sam!

Tables

\$15.00 each - Contact Bruce Deville bdeville@aol.com



Solar Eclipse

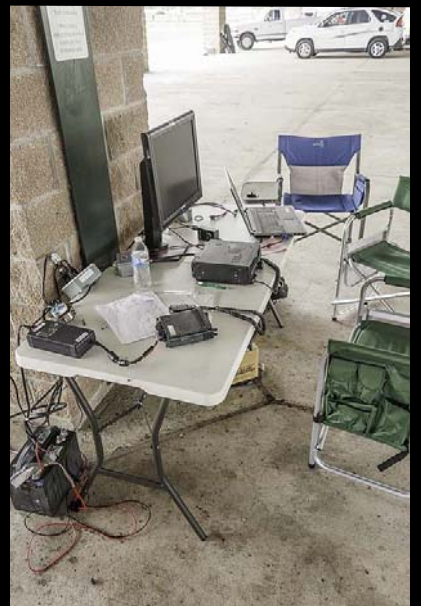
Monday - August 21, 2017

Solar eclipses happen every year, but it's been a while since the people of Acadiana have seen a nice one. That ends August 21 (if the weather cooperates, of course)! Although the eclipse will be partial in Acadiana, it will be total in some other parts of the country, the first total eclipse visible anywhere in the continental United States since 1979.

In Lafayette the partial eclipse will start shortly before noon, reach maximum about 1:25 p.m., and end shortly before 3:00 p.m. Weather permitting, the planetarium will have safe solar telescopes for free public eclipse viewing in *Parc Sans Souci* beside the Museum. What a great way to spend your lunch time! We'll even provide free, safe eclipse viewing glasses to the first 200 people who come to the viewing, courtesy of NASA and the Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley, California! If you can't make it to the park, we'll live stream the eclipse from the Lafayette Science Museum Observatory. To help you get ready, there will be planetarium programs about the eclipse beginning in June and special eclipse outreach programs at the Iberia Parish Library and four branches of the Lafayette Public Library.

We've created some handy guides to explain solar eclipses, how to observe them safely, how to make your own Solar Eclipse Viewer, and all the events we're planning leading up to and during the eclipse:

For more information, visit: <http://www.lafayettesciencemuseum.org/planetarium/solar-eclipse-2017>



AARA FIELD DAY 2017 PHOTOS

by Greg Dolan K5LFT

The AARA 2017 Field Day exercise took place in the Gossen Memorial Park under the large pavilion near the Rayne Civic Center.

Our THANKS go out to the City of Rayne for letting us use the facility.





INTERNATIONAL Lighthouse & Lightship WEEKEND - ILLW.NET

W5BMC

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 19, 2017
9 AM - 2 PM**

US0176

BERWICK LIGHTHOUSE PARK

The *Bayouland Emergency Amateur Radio Service* (BEARS) will be operating Special Event Station W5BMC from the SW Reef Lighthouse US0176 (Berwick, Louisiana) on Saturday and Sunday 1500 Z to 2100 Z. 14.260 MHz, 7.265 MHz, EchoLink 507010 W5BMC-R, IRLP Node 3670. It is not a contest; it is to make contacts and publicize the Southwest Reef Lighthouse and the Town of Berwick, Louisiana.

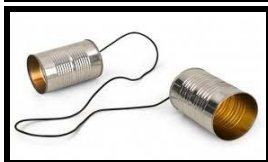
QSL Info: - Jackie Price KA5LMZ, 708 Front St., Morgan City, LA 70380.

Check out website at: <http://townofberwick.org/lighthouse.html>

SATURDAY EVENTS



- * This is a **FAMILY** contest. Everyone can help decorate.
- * Use any shoebox not larger than a cowboy boot box.
- * Any style, model, or era of Radio.
- * Entries must be brought to Lighthouse Park on Saturday, August 19, between 10 AM - 12 noon.
- * Winners will be announced at 2:00 PM (need not be present). Radios will be judged and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes awarded plus three honorable mentions.



Tin Can Radio Demo - We will go way back in time and have two sets of "can radios" where you use two tin cans joined with a long string and talk back and forth. We did this with boy scouts once and they were more impressed with this than anything else we did.

10:00 AM - Ham Radio Demonstration, use the W5BMC station to make contacts with other ham radio stations.

11:00 AM - The "crowning glory" to all this is a presentation by the National Weather Service on the weather and the upcoming solar eclipse on Monday and things that it might affect.

Last but not least, the radio station set up in the new pavilion to see how many contacts we can make both Saturday and Sunday.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND!



July 2017 AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	5	70	Ø	126	KE5HSY Linda
Region 4 SkyWarn / ARES Net	4	44	Ø	135	KN5GRK Herman
Silent Key Memorial Net	4	32	Ø	69	KG5HNO Ramona
Youth Thursday Night Net	4	58	Ø	158	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

Accomplishing something provides the only real satisfaction in life.

Thomas Edison

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Linda Breaux KE5HSY is the AARA Monday Night Net Manager and she is in charge of scheduling the Net Control Operators. Each Monday will have a rotating NCS as listed below. Here is the August 2017 rotation list.

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:	NCS
8/07/2017	7:00 PM	146.820 W5DDL	103.5	Danny KD5JSM
8/14/2017	7:00 PM	147.040 W5EXI	103.5	Paul N5KNY
8/21/2017	7:00 PM	443.000 W5DDL	103.5	Eric KG5JHP
8/28/2017	7:00 PM	147.150 W5OPL	103.5	Chris N5MCY

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5

The August 2017 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/news/htm>



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

8/06	W9HUT	ALTON
8/07	KF5PCH	JACKIE
8/09	KF5FNP	GLEN
8/23	KF5CNS	PAULA
8/24	KC5IJI	KAREN
8/24	N5YOP	ESTHER

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

SOLAR ECLIPSE QSO PARTY

Monday August 21, 2017

The Solar Eclipse QSO Party runs from 1400 – 2200 UTC on August 21. Exchange a signal report and your six-character grid locator on 160 – 6 meters (not on 60, 30, 17, and 12 meters, please). You can work stations again after 10 minutes to make as many “observations” (contacts) as possible. CW, RTTY, and PSK31 are preferred because automated receiving networks will record the contacts, but contacts on any digital mode and phone are fine too.



For scoring information, bonus points, operating guidelines, and complete rules, see:

<http://www.hamsci.org/seqp>



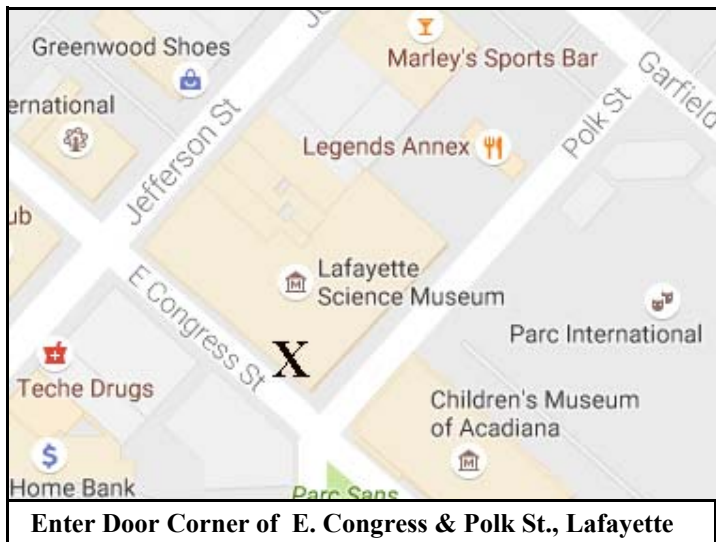
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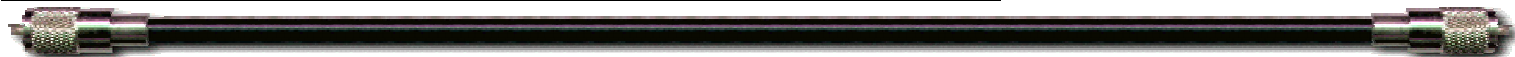


Share the Fun -
Bring a Friend to be a
HAM !

**COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE**

AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday August 3, @ 7:00 PM
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM
Lafayette Science Museum
Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

Join our **"Lunch
Bunch"** each Wednesday
around noon at the Golden
Corral on Ambassador
Caffery.



Authentic Louisiana Red Beans and Rice

<http://allrecipes.com/>

Ingredients:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 pound dry kidney beans | 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper |
| 1/4 cup olive oil | 1 teaspoon dried thyme |
| 1 large onion, chopped | 1/4 teaspoon dried sage |
| 1 green bell pepper, chopped | 1 tablespoon dried parsley |
| 2 tablespoons minced garlic | 1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning |
| 2 stalks celery, chopped | 1 pound andouille sausage, sliced |
| 6 cups water | 4 cups water |
| 2 bay leaves | 2 cups long grain white rice |

Directions:

1. Rinse beans, and then soak in a large pot of water overnight.
2. In a skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Cook onion, bell pepper, garlic, and celery in olive oil for 3 to 4 minutes.
3. Rinse beans, and transfer to a large pot with 6 cups water. Stir cooked vegetables into beans. Season with bay leaves, cayenne pepper, thyme, sage, parsley, and Cajun seasoning. Bring to a boil, and then reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer for 2 1/2 hours.
4. Stir sausage into beans, and continue to simmer for 30 minutes.
5. Meanwhile, prepare the rice. In a saucepan, bring water and rice to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer for 20 minutes. Serve beans over steamed white rice.



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 1-888-225-5322 This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission,
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554